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SUBJECT: DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR COLOMBIA

A-4255, JUNE 20, 1975, STATE 215062

1. WE DELIVERED COPIES OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT AND DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF ARRANGEMENT TO ROBERTO SOTO, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, COLOMBIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SOTO'S INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT CHANGES WOULD NOT BE A MAJOR PROBLEM BUT HE WOULD NATURALLY BE CONSULTING METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE.

2. JAMES L COURTNEY, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE IN COLOMBIA, WHICH IS IN CLOSE DAILY CONTACT WITH COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS ADMINISTERING THE JOINT WEATHER PROGRAM, IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE ONLY TROUBLESOME POINT IN THE PROPOSAL WILL BE COLOMBIAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE INCREASE IN ANNUAL COST TO THE GOC FROM TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND TO FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND U.S.DOLLARS. HE BELIEVES THERE IS AT LEAST A POSSIBILITY THAT THE GOC WILL OPT TO CLOSE THE BOGOTA WEATHER STATION RATHER THAN ASSUME THIS INCREASE.

3. MR COURTNEY SUGGESTS WE MIGHT CONSIDER HALVING THE CURRENT TWICE DAILY WEATHER SOUNDINGS THEREBY KEEPING ANNUAL COSTS GENERALLY AT CURRENT LEVELS IF

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THE GOC SUGGESTS CLOSING THE STATION. PLEASE CONTACT

KARL R JOHANNESSEN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR NATIONAL
WEATHER SERVICE, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND TO DETERMINE
IF THIS SOLUTION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. WE WOULD ONLY
PORPOSE IT AS A LAST RESORT.

4. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR BACKGROUND COMMENT
ON THE INCLUSION OF POINT FOUR OF REFERENCE, THE
ELIMINATION OF WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. MR
COURTNEY HOLDS AN OFFICIALS PASSPORT BY DEFINITION
EXEMPTING HIM FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS AND KNOWS OF
NO INSTANCE IN HIS LONG TENURE HERE IN WHICH THE
QUESTION OF A WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN
RAISED FOR VISITING TECHNICIANS.
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